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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jürgen Schlegel et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROCESSING FRESH MEAT

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION
BY HUBERT VERHAAG UNDER 37 CFR 1.74

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I, Hubert Verhaag, hereby declare as follows:

1. In addition to the actions undertaken and facts stated in my declaration dated September 29, 2000, which declaration is incorporated herein in its entirety, I have personally undertaken the following action to attempt to secure the consent and signature of non-signing co-inventor Mr. Jürgen Schlegel.

2. On (Date) 07. FEB. 2001 I personally approached Mr. Schlegel at (Location) UMKIRCH at (time) 14.00 and presented him with a complete copy of the above-identified application (including the specification, drawings, claims, declaration and power of attorney and assignment).

3. At that same time and in my presence Mr. Schlegel expressly refused to review or sign the declaration or any of the other documents that I had presented to him.

4. Based on my contact with Mr. Schlegel, it is my understanding that he will continue to refuse to sign these documents on the grounds that he has nothing more to do with this matter since he left Vivotech New Concepts in Fresh Meat GmbH.

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5. Therefore, it remains my opinion that Mr. Schlegel will not sign any documents related to this application.

Further declarant sayeth not.

x 
Hubert Verhaag

Date: x 08 February 2001

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